



**Dear Parents of Incoming Third Graders,**

**Parent volunteers have been hard at work preparing the Victory Garden! Raised beds have been built for the crops, fertilizer has been spread, walkways have been mulched and the bean pole has been untangled and repaired. The students of Wheelock School have planted garlic, onions, potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, lettuce, corn, beans, cucumbers, peas, sunflowers, marigolds, nasturtiums, cosmos and zinnias!**

**Now it is your turn! As part of growing the vegetables that they will eat next year, all incoming third graders should come in and weed once during the summer. You can bring your child anytime that works for your schedule, week or weekend, morning, day or evening. You may use the Victory Garden tools, or bring your own. More detailed directions will be posted on the garden shed for you, but these are some pointers to give you some idea what to expect.**

- **Plan to spend 1-2 hours working with your child anytime you choose**
- **Choose a section at a time and weed it thoroughly, including the weed roots**
- **Dispose of weeds in the compost bin and clean up any tools**

**There are tables under the trees if you would like bring a picnic lunch or dinner when you and your child come to work in the garden.**

**The Victory Garden is also in need of several more volunteer families to be plot supervisors for the season. This is not an enormous job, and can easily be done even if you are gone for part of the summer. Your family might also share this task with another family. Plot supervisors do special jobs that are specific to the crop being grown in that plot. For instance, potatoes need to be "hilled" during July, and summer crops like tomatoes need to be harvested and delivered to Tilden Village.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity to involve your child in volunteering and contributing to the community. If you could help in any of these areas please contact me at x9329, or email me at [sonjajohanson@comcast.net](mailto:sonjajohanson@comcast.net). I look forward to seeing you in the garden!**

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